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Jennings Chapel U. M. Church
Woodbine
Private

Date - 1853

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The original chapel features a one story high, semi-conical roofed apse on its east wall with three Roman arched leaden paned windows. Snow birds decorate the roof line of each of the building's three sections. A nineteenth century Sunday School wing was added to its south wall and one further addition to its south wall.

The Jennings Chapel U. M. Church of Woodbine, Howard County, Maryland, is one of its earliest Methodist Churches, established in 1853. Distinction attaching from age is expanded upon by its leadership role as a social focal point for the leaders of this community. In addition, the pattern of enlargement by increments over an extended period of time is significant for two reasons: it reflects a common practice in the building history of the United States, and it mirrors the evolution of this particular area, from the mid-nineteenth century through to the present day.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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Woodbine Quadrangle

District 4

MAGI# 1402545508

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Jennings Chapel U.M. Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

2551 Jennings Chapel Road

(N.E. Side about 0.3 Miles south
of Florence Road)

CITY, TOWN

Woodbine

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Howard

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Trustees of Jennings Chapel U.M. Church

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

2551 Jennings Chapel Road

CITY, TOWN

Woodbine, Maryland

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

21797

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE. Tax Map 13 p. 69
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Hall of RecordsLiber #: 292 and 14
Folio #: 513 144

STREET & NUMBER

Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1978-1979

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

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Woodbine Quad
District 4

CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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Three first floor, rectangular, double-hung windows, with one-over-one, painted lights, rest in the north wall of the chapel, while only one can be seen on the south wall. This is due to the construction of an early, one story high, four bay wide, south wing, whose gabled roof runs north-south and intersects with the gable roof of the main structure. A rectangular entrance is set into the north bay of the west wall. A further south addition extends from this south wall. It is a four bay wide, three bay deep one story high, frame (covered with aluminum siding) building, with gabled roof running north-south. Rectangular entrances, with three horizontal lights in the upper portion of each door, rest in the central bay of the south wall and the third bay of the west wall. Fenestration is rectangular, double-hung with two-over-two lights.

The original chapel features a one story high, semi-conical roofed apse on its east wall with three Roman arched leaden paned windows. Snow birds decorate the roof line of each of the building's three sections.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1853

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Jennings's Chapel U. M. Church of Woodbine, Howard County, Maryland, is one of its earliest Methodist Churches, established in 1853.¹ Distinction attaching from age is expanded upon by its leadership role as a social focal point for the leaders of this community.² In addition, the pattern of enlargement by increments over an extended period of time is significant for two reasons: it reflects a common practice in the building history of the United States,³ and it mirrors the evolution of this particular area, from the mid-nineteenth century through to the present day.⁴

History and Support

1. In 1853 John and Margaret Meredith, James A. Meredith and James and Catherine Baxley conveyed one (1) and three (3) square perches of land, which was part of two tracts of land called, "Small Piece" and "Fredericksburg", to the Trustees of the Methodist Protestant Church. Interestingly enough, the deed, which stated the purpose of the conveyance was "to erect a Church or House of Public Worship of Almighty God for the use and occupancy of the ministers and membership of the Methodist Protestant Church", added further discretionary powers to the Trustees to "permit the use of said Church or House of Worship to the ministers of other Protestant denominations when not used or occupied by the ministers or membership of the . . . Methodist Protestant Church.

2. The Trustees of Jennings's Chapel U. M. Church reflected the leadership and large property owners of the area. Probably the most renowned among them was Albert G. Warfield, who in 1838 built Oakdale and four years later married Margaret Gassaway Watkins of "Walnut Grove". Their son, Edwin, later became Governor of Maryland and lived in Oakdale. In 1870 he, Albert G. Warfield, served as School Commissioner and must well have been influential in helping to plan and build the Old Florence School in 1872. Another trustee, John Hood Owings, became the Clerk of the Circuit Court in 1888. See title search for complete list of the trustees.

3. Jennings's Chapel U. M. Church reflects the common practice of enlarging by increments, featuring the original frame building block, with its later nineteenth century extension to today's brick addition.

4. A sign board in front of the Church mirrors its evolution from the mid-nineteenth century to today by directing the passerby to pray for the release of the U. S. hostages in Iran, addressing a current twentieth century situation, although its roots go deep into Howard County's nineteenth century families.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with Ms. Gwen Warfield of the Clerk's Office in Ellicott City, Maryland, parishioner of Jennings' Chapel U. M. Church

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Woodbine Quad.

District 4

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.37 Acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 292 Folio 513
Liber 14 Folio 144

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Howard

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME				
COMMON: <u>Jennings Chapel United Methodist Church</u>				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>North side of Jennings Chapel Road about 0.3 mi</u>				
CITY OR TOWN: <u>near Florence</u> <u>south of Florence Road</u>				
STATE: <u>Maryland</u>		COUNTY: <u>Howard</u>		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		OWNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Semi</u>		STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No				
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: <u>Trustees of Jennings Chapel Methodist Church</u>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>Jennings Chapel Road</u>				
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Woodbine</u>		STATE: <u>MD</u>		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: <u>CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT</u>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE</u> <u>40 S. MAIN ST.</u>				
CITY OR TOWN: <u>BEL AIR</u>		STATE: <u>MARYLAND</u>		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
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DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ Excellent☒ Good☐ Fair

(Check One)

☐ Deteriorated☐ Ruins☐ Unexposed

(Check One)

☐ Altered☒ Unaltered

Added to

(Check One)

☐ Moved☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Two frame clapboard country church,
quite plain in plan and detail and
having as steeple or belfry, is one-story
high except for a balcony lighted by
two windows in the south end wall of
the main section (Section A in sketch below)

Facing south ~~the entrance is~~ through the south end wall.

Rectangular, 3 bays by 3, a portico
is almost entirely enclosed at the south end
to shelter a new entry-way. The pitched-roof ridge line
runs north-south.

Section B lies to the east, ~~it is~~ oblong
~~the roofline remains~~ 4 bays long. its pitched
roof ridge line runs east-west.

Windows are rectangular, done in Tiffany glass.
The roof is of tin.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
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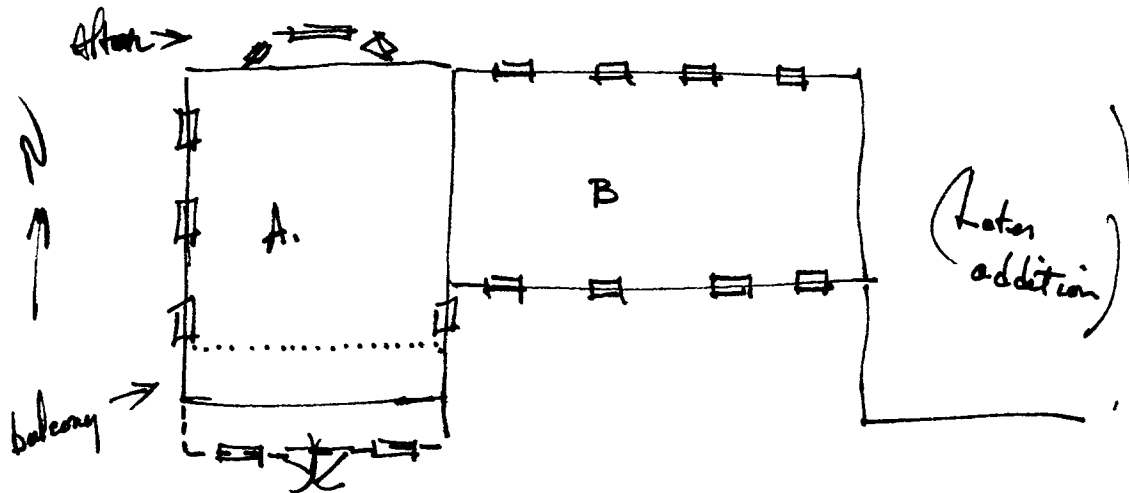
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Vennings Chapel Road

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES							
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE					
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: JEAN S. EWING	
ORGANIZATION: MARLAND HISTORICAL TRUST	DATE:
STREET AND NUMBER: 1000 RIVA ROAD	
CITY OR TOWN: MARLAND	STATE: MD

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____

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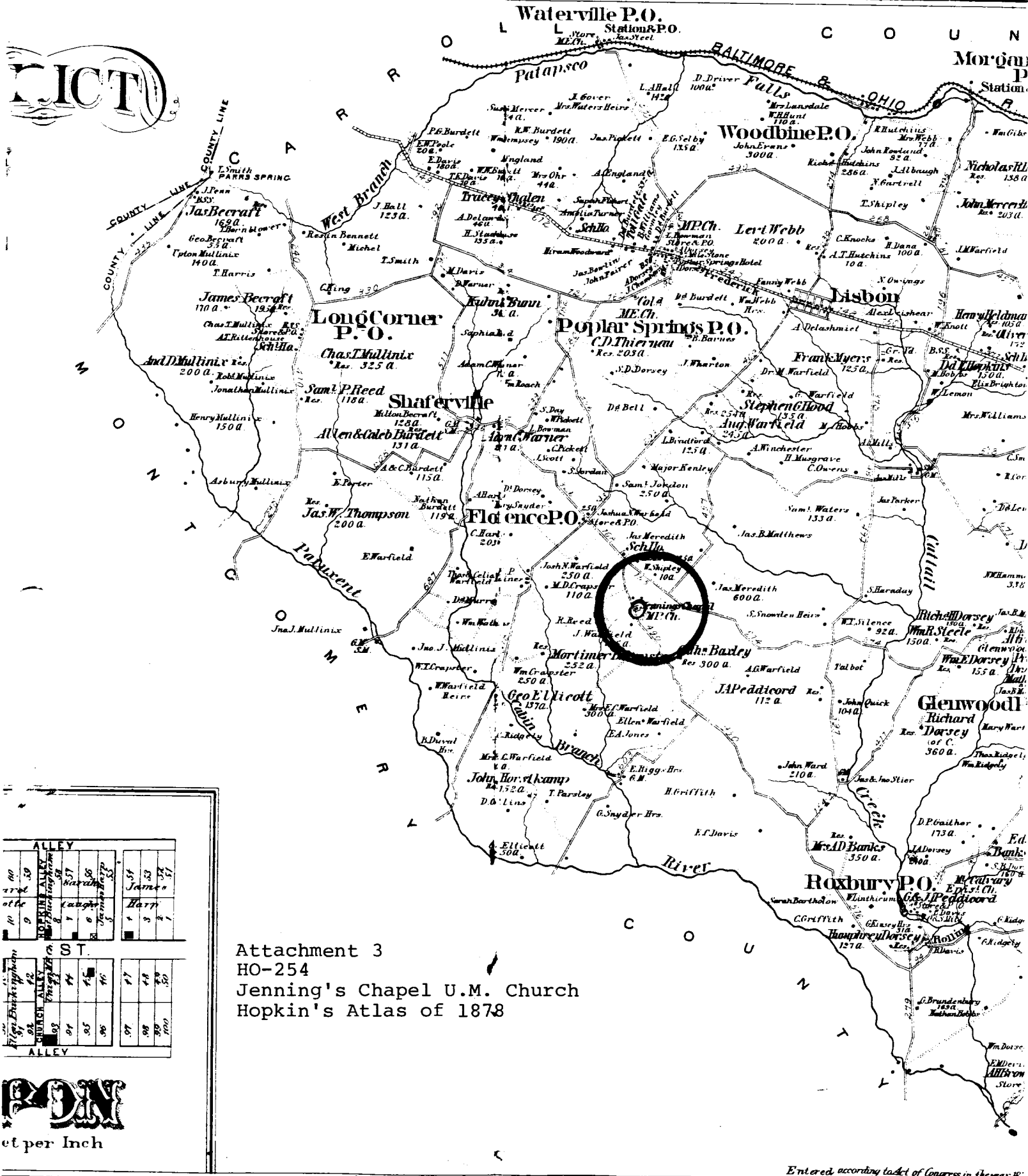


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ALLEY											



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Attachment 3
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Jenning's Chapel U.M. Church
Hopkin's Atlas of 1878



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G. LAURENCE
MOORE
403/235
250A.
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R.S
CRANE
582/45
5.00A S.
P.179 P.8

EFFIE POOLE, L/E
497/529,532
54.87A.
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Attachment I
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Jenning's Chapel U.M. Church
Tax Map 13

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WARFIELD, III
0/468
1.88A.
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FLORENCE

J.L.
THOMAS
532/16
RD. 5.13A.
P.137

J.M. GORDON
157/238
12.75A.
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R. C.
BENNETT
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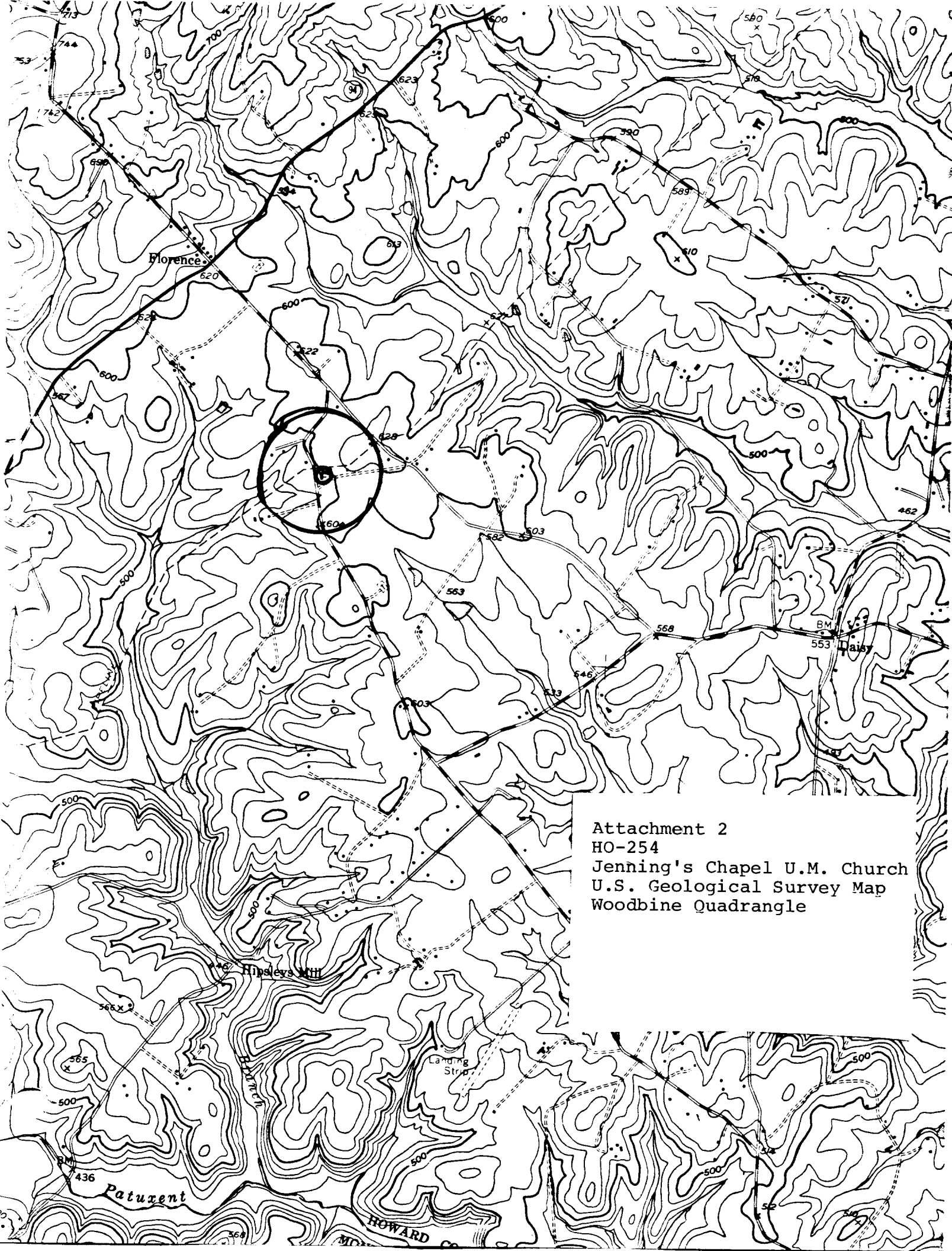
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Attachment 2
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Jenning's Chapel U.M. Church
U.S. Geological Survey Map
Woodbine Quadrangle



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Vennings Chapel 182 8/73



Name: HO-254
Jennings Chapel U. M. Church
Location: Jennings Chapel Road
Woodbine, Maryland
Photographer: Cleora B. Thompson, A.I.C.P.
Date of Photograph: May, 1980
Negatives in possession of the Maryland Historical Trust
View: West
Photographer looking: East
Photograph number: 1 of 1